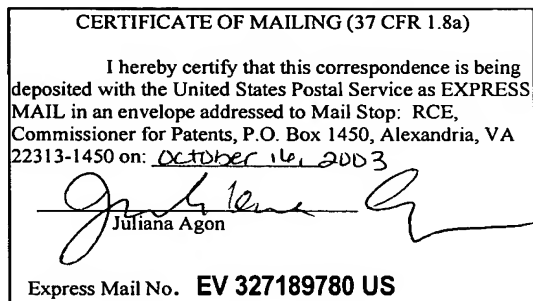


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (b) as a divisional Application of United States Application No. 09/827,564, filed April 6, 2002, and titled "Dispersal Of Optically Active Ions In Melted Glass", the benefit of this priority is hereby claimed. This application names all inventors of the prior application No. 09/827,564 and utilizes the oath/declaration, assignment, and Information Disclosure Statements of this prior application.

A Revocation and Substitute Power of Attorney is enclosed, for the second time, and acknowledgment is hereby requested.

The Commissioner should hereby note the fees applicable to this filing were charged September 12, 2003 with a Request for Continued Examination. The Request was found to be improper. A copy of the notice is enclosed for the Examiners convenience. The Applicant thanks and appreciates Examiner Karl E. Group's efforts to refund the fees associated with the Request for Continued Examination or to credit such fees to the filing of this request. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any

additional necessary fees or surcharge with respect the filing of this application to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3225.

Prior to the calculation of any fees for this application, if the Examiner's efforts have been unfruitful, please enter the following amendments.